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SUBJECT: WELFARE OF HOSTAGES REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY KATANGANS

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FROM SHABA IN A TRUCK CONVOY FROM MUTSHATSHA ARE HEADING

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